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SOYBEAN INSPECTIONS DROP SHARPLY IN FEBRUARY

Inspected receipts of soybeans in February dropped sharply to a total of 2,681 cars compared with 6,139 cars in January, according to inspectors' reports to the Grain Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration. The average for the month of February for the crop years 1940-45 was 3,431 cars. Inspected receipts for October through February this season were 65,245 cars compared with 67,107 cars for the same period last year.

The quality of the soybeans inspected in February also was lower than for the preceding month, only 58 percent grading No. 2 or better compared with 68 percent in January. Of the October-February receipts this year, 69 percent graded No. 2 or better compared with 91 percent last season.

Inspections of soybeans in February included the equivalent of 5 cars inspected as cargo lots and truck receipts equal to about 33 cars.

Soybeans: Inspected receipts, February 1947, in carlots 1/.

Class	Grade					Total February 1947	Total Oct. 1, 1946- Feb. 28, 1947.
	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Sample		
Yellow	563	939	696	318	83	2,599	62,397
Green	-	-	-	-	-	0	103
Brown	5	3	-	1	-	9	189
Black	5	17	5	1	-	28	915
Mixed	19	10	5	6	5	45	1,641
Total cars	592	969	706	326	88	2,681	
Percentages	22	36	27	12	3	100	
Oct.-Feb. Cars	17,361	27,868	15,522	3,929	565		65,245
1946-47 Percentages	26	43	24	6	1		100
Oct.-Feb. Cars	47,804	13,675	4,207	1,067	354		67,107
1945-46 Percentages	71	20	6	2	1		100

1/ Cargo and truck receipts converted to carlots on basis of 1,650 bushels equal 1 carlot.



